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Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Greeters: Hank Campbell & Alan Chapman

Lottery: Bruce Bergethon & Gordon Bidner

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

Greeters: Andy Copenhaver & Rob Cranston

Lottery: John A. Bishop & John E. Bishop



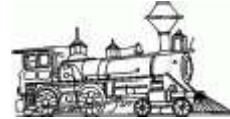
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Sherry Hawkins

President Sherry Hawkins rang the bell and asked that everyone greet each other at 12:06 p.m. Bill Semlak gave the invocation, followed by the club facing the flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing a robust version of "My Country 'Tis of Thee".

Sherry's bad joke for the day:
Why should you never trust a train?
Because it has loco motives!



Students of the Month: Gabriell O'Neal from the Bloomington Area Career Center; Addie Smith from Normal Community High School; and Calis Lim from University High School.



Greg Anvick & Gabriell O'Neal



Becky Goeckner & Addie Smith



Calis Lim

Guests: Bob Weldon of Sunset Rotary Club; Brian Shoemaker of Sunrise Rotary Club; and Charlie Johnson, of B/N Rotaract Club. Libby Burns; Kathie Chapman; Corin Chapman; and Jennie Snyder, a teacher at Chiddix Junior High School, were all guests of Alan Chapman.



Bob Weldon



Brian Shoemaker



Charlie Johnson



Corin, Alan & Kathie Chapman



Jennie Snyder

Judge Larissa McIlvain presided over the Lottery and Happy Fines. Scott Ice won the drawing and drew the 2 of Hearts. The Big pot is at \$577.00! Still looking for the Ace of Spades!!

John A. Bishop was the **Mystery Host**. He gave the \$2.00 bill to Elleke Mesdag since she was the first to sign up for the Veteran's One-on-One event.



Larissa McIlvain



Scott Ice



John A. Bishop & Elleke Mesdag

Club members who gave unreported Happy Fines:



Bill Semlak



Bill Caisley



Alan Chapman



Dale Strassheim



Hank Campbell



Gordon Ropp



Dayna Brown-Nielsen



Dianne Schultz

Dianne Schultz reminded us of the November 16-18 Festival of Trees. She said that the Baby Fold needs volunteers for their holiday program.

Announcements and Club News:

- Charlie Johnson, of B/N Rotaract Club, invited us to attend their 1st annual Festive Fiesta on December 13th at the nightshop, 517 N Main, Bloomington from 6-9 p.m.
- Bob Weldon from Sunset Rotary shared about their holiday greens fundraiser. Today is the deadline to place an order.
- Birthdays were recognized with a singing of Happy Birthday to Gordon Bidner and Rod Weiglemann.
- Dayna Brown-Nielsen had flyers on the tables announcing that the Holiday Party will be on Wednesday, December 5th at the Hancock Stadium Room. There will be no noon meeting that day. There will be a 5:30 p.m. Social followed by Dinner at 6:15 p.m. with Music and Trivia. RSVP to Dayna Brown-Nielsen at (309) 261-4089 or email her at shoeless28@yahoo.com by December 1st. Cost is \$30/person. Vegetarian and gluten-free entrees available by request.
- November 21 is the Annual Pilgrim Program which will be at the ISU Alumni Center 1101 North Main, Normal.
- President Sherry shared that the club received a thank you note from Heartland Community College for the tree and bench donation for their quad. We also received the first leaf that fell from the maple tree sponsored by our club!
- **November Rotary District News!** District Governor Arlene Pennie reports that November is Rotary Foundation month. It's "match points" again – not volleyball. Donate now to the Rotary International Foundation and the District will match the points earned by your contribution.



Andy Copenhaver

- Andy Copenhaver reminded us to get to him our poinsettias orders and checks soon. Donations of \$ are welcome if you don't want any poinsettias.



- Drake Zimmerman finally remembered to share with us the award from Rotary International on End Polio Now presented at the District Conference.



Drake Zimmerman



Art Drake

- Art Drake recently attended the Normal Community High School Interact Club's monthly meeting. Art reported on the numerous service projects done or being undertaken by the NCHS Interact Club. Alex's Lemonade Stand to raise money for childhood cancer research; help with the Cedar Ridge Carnival; Operation Christmas Child to assemble gift boxes for kids age 10-14; help with the Baby Fold Festival of Trees; Games with Seniors at Meadows of Mercy Creek; and freshman orientation. "That's a nice bunch of projects for this group."



Adam Chapman

Program:

Alan Chapman introduced Miss Carson Damery, from Chiddix Junior High School Carson is our youngest program presenter ever and the granddaughter of Alan Chapman. She presented a superb program on her school-wide community service project.



Carson Damery

Carson shared about her cousin Max Chapman who was born with a rare genetic condition called Peroxisomal Biogenesis Disorder (PBD). She explained the impact of this very rare condition on Max Chapman, her five year old cousin. Carson spoke about how Max has motivated her and her family to raise funds for the Global Foundation of PBD (GFPD). In the past three years over \$375,000.00 has been raised by "Tee it up! For the GFPD". All proceeds from the annual event are donated to the Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders (GFPD), a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity founded in 2010 to fund medical research and support families affected by PBD. Carson showed a power point presentation about Max's story and his dealing with PBD. The club stood in standing ovation at the conclusion of her talk.



President Sherry Hawkins' Thought for the Day:

No matter what, we always have the power to choose hope over despair, engagement over apathy, kindness over indifference, and love over hate. - from Cory Booker.

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